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In Re Application of:
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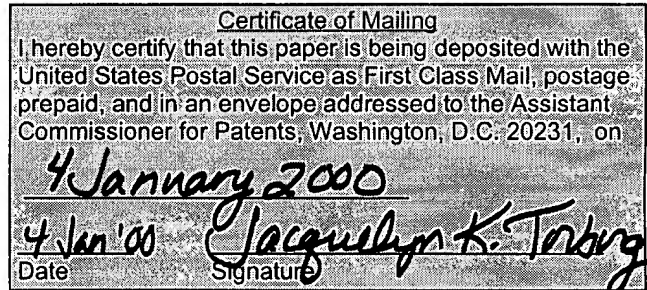
For: Septal Defect Closure Device

To:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE PETITION FEES - 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)**

This is a petition for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed 13 September 1999. A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed to cover the cost of this extension. A response to the Office Action was filed 21 December 1999 (after the initial 3-month deadline for response) without a petition for extension of time, but upon entry of the present petition and fee the 21 December 1999 response will be timely.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Office to treat any reply in this application requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. To the extent any such response is not accompanied by a check sufficient to cover the required fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for such an extension of time, any deficiency in such fees may be charged to Deposit Account 061910.

Dated: 3 JAN 00

Respectfully submitted,


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